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***TO SWEAR TO
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***PASTOR'S
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ACCEPTED AT MEETING

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Detective Tedder
Were

Present When He Was In- duced to Make Affidavit.

The committee of six appointed by the Plum Street Baptist Church, of which Rev. C. B. Ragsdale is pastor, to investigate the alleged signing of a false Affidavit by their pastor in the Frank case, made their report last night to the Church in conference.

The report declared that they, the committee, had on Monday night gone to the home of their pastor and he had admitted to them that he was guilty of swearing falsely in the matter, and thereupon tendered his resignation.

The report testified that Rev. Ragsdale stated to the committee that, in the presence of his lawyer, Colonel Arthur Thurman, and also Detective William J. Burns, Detective Tedder and R. L. Barber, the Affidavit was drawn from him in a moment of pressing temptation upon the offer of \$200, and that he did not realize what he was doing.

Informs Solicitor General.

But, continues the report, when he did realize what he was doing, he went to Solicitor Hugh Dorsey on Monday and told him of the affair. He did not tell the committee, however, who offered him the bribe. He said this conference took place in Thurman's office.

At the meeting last night at the Plum Street Church, the question of acceptance or rejection of their pastor's resignation was put before the membership, and was accepted. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone" was the disposition of the attitude of the majority of the flock rather than a direct condemnation of their pastor's deed; but tradition to oust the fallen and outside sentiment pressed in upon the little congregation so strongly that it invoked a heated discussion as to whether or not the pastor should be severely disciplined as is the disobedient soldier who is sent forth from the army ranks branded with a dishonorable discharge.

Will Pay Him Salary.

The discussion ended, however, with the unanimous acceptance by the congregation of a resolution to receive Rev. Ragsdale's resignation, and members present volunteered subscriptions to pay him his month's salary.

Several of the Members testified that Rev. Ragsdale had not possessed his full mental powers since being attacked by apoplexy some time ago, and that his family had often spoken of spells that he experienced during which time he was not himself. The pastor is about 60 years old, and has grown children. The charge he had been tending is not a large one, and his salary was only \$35 a month.

It was reported Wednesday night that Detective Burns had gone to Oklahoma on business with the Courts of that State. Wednesday morning, he "checked out" at the Georgian Terrace, where he had been stopping. He could not be located at any of the more prominent downtown hotels, and men at his Atlanta agency office declared that they could not say where he was.

Ready for the Hearing.

Attorneys for both the prosecution and defense of Leo M. Frank have their cases in hand for the resumption of the hearing Friday morning before Judge Ben Hill, of the criminal division of

the Fulton Superior Court, of the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Leo M. Frank.

The prosecution had considered asking that the resumption of the hearing be moved up to Thursday morning, but decided not to ask this, so the hearing will now come at the appointed time.

It is possible that the defense may amend its motion to introduce the notes alleged to have been written by Jim Conley to Annie Maude Carter, but this, it is expected, will not require a further postponing of the hearing.

Solicitor Hugh M. Dorsey had his evidence practically in hand to combat the defense's motion. The solicitor was in consultation with Detective John Black, of city detective headquarters, Wednesday afternoon.

The final report of William J. Burns, which had been submitted to counsel for the defense and part of which had been made public, is expected to be made public in its entirety in the presentation of evidence at the hearing.

Dr. Pierce's Card.

Dr. J. M. Pierce had sent the following card to The Constitution:

"Editor Constitution: In explanation of my name being connected with the Rev. C. B. Ragsdale's phase of the Frank case, I wish to state that several days ago my friend and neighbor, Dr. B. Wildauer, asked me if I knew the Rev. C. B. Ragsdale. I told him I did. He asked about his character and his being a truthful man, and if I would believe him on oath. I told him I would, as I had known him for several years, and had had dealings with him in a professional way and had always known him to be a truthful and reliable man.

"He asked me if I would make an Affidavit to that effect, and I answered I would. I then made the Affidavit expressing my confidence in the man's character.

DR. J. M. PIERCE.
515 Grant Building.”
